	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	10/767,062	AONO ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Laura E. Martin	2853	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *Applicant arguments and remarks dated 11/15/07*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *1-23*.

3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a) ☒ All   b) ☐ Some*   c) ☐ None   of the:

        1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

        2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

        3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

    (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

        1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

    (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

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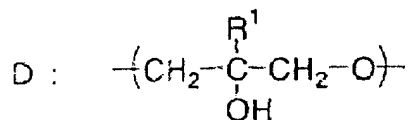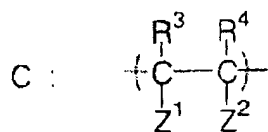PRIMARY EXAMINER
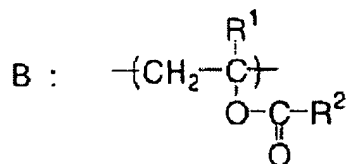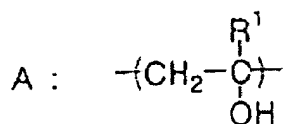
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Abstract:

Line 2: change "comprising a pigment" to -- containing a pigment --.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: prior art does not teach or suggest an ink-jet recording ink comprising a pigment and a compound represented by the formula $R\text{-}X\text{-}(Y)_n\text{-}H$, wherein R represents a hydrophobic group, or a group derived from a hydrophobic polymer; X represents a bivalent linking group having a hetero bond; n is an integer from 10 to 3500; and structural units of repeated Y comprise at least one structural unit represented by A, C or D, and further comprise 0 to 40% by mole of structural units represented by B:
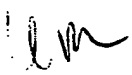
$$A: \quad -(CH_2-\underset{\underset{OH}{|}}{\overset{\overset{R^1}{|}}{C}})-$$

$$B: \quad -(CH_2-\underset{\underset{O-\underset{\underset{O}{\|}}{C}-R^2}{|}}{\overset{\overset{R^1}{|}}{C}})-$$

$$C: \quad -(\underset{\underset{Z^1}{|}}{\overset{\overset{R^3}{|}}{C}}-\underset{\underset{Z^2}{|}}{\overset{\overset{R^4}{|}}{C}})-$$

$$D: \quad -(CH_2-\underset{\underset{OH}{|}}{\overset{\overset{R^1}{|}}{C}}-CH_2-O)-$$

wherein in structural units A through D, R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms; R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms; R^3 represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R^4 represents a hydrogen atom, $-CH_3$, $-CH_2COOH$ or an ammonium salt thereof or alkali metal salt thereof, or $-CN$; Z^1 represents a hydrogen atom, $-COOH$ or an ammonium salt thereof or alkali metal salt thereof, or $-CONH_2$; and Z^2 represents $-COOH$ or an ammonium salt thereof or alkali metal salt thereof, $-SO_3H$ or an ammonium salt thereof or alkali metal salt thereof, $-OSO_3H$ or an ammonium salt thereof or alkali metal salt thereof, $-CH_2SO_3H$ or an ammonium salt thereof or alkali metal salt thereof, $-CONHC(CH_3)_2CH_2SO_3H$ or an ammonium salt thereof or alkali metal salt thereof, or $-CONHCH_2CH_2CH_2N^+(CH_3)_3Cl^-$.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura E. Martin whose telephone number is (571) 272-2160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:00 - 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen D. Meier can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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